1	2	3	4	5
45.	Baramura GT. Extn. U-4, Tripura (State)	21	Rs. 95.36 crore	9/2002
HYDRO				
46.	Likim-Ro, Nagaland (State)	3 x 8	Rs. 215.88 crore	2001-03 U-1 & 2 commissioned
47.	Kopili St. II (NEEPCO), Central, Assam	1 x 25	Rs. 99.35 crore	2003-04

TOTAL : **17329.03 MW** (excluding nuclear projects of 1300 MW)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Induction of IBM Agni-II

5103: SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to induct IBM Agni-II as part of Army arsenal;

(b) whether the Army is raising a new missile regiment to operationally manage the nuclear deterrent; and

(c) the pay load of the weapon and when the next deterrent with more strike range would be developed and included in the army arsenal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government has approved 'in principle' the raising of an Agni Missile Group for Army. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had been working on the design and development of Agni Ballistic Missile System based on the strategic requirements of Armed Forces.

Fire in HEMRL, Pune

5104. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire had broken out at the chemical processing unit of High Energy materials Research Laboratory at Pasan near Pune on 25th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the loss suffered in terms of life and equipment etc.;

(c) whether an enquiry has been held in the matter; and

(d) the details of steps taken on the conclusion of enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Fire had broken out at solid propellant processing facility of High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

(b) Six personnel are dead. There is no other singificant loss of property and material.

(c) Yes, Sir. Court of Inquiry is investigating the cause of accident.

(d) Inquiry report is awaited.

Contract with Israel for Conversion of Boeing 737

5105. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL had tied up with Israel to convert Boeing 737 passenger jets into cargo aircraft;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the contract;

(c) in what manner this contract would help the country; and

(d) the other contracts that are in the offing?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Israel Aircraft Industries Limited, Israel has decided to award a contract for supply of 10 shipsets of Kits for Boeing 737 conversion programme plus an option for additional 5 shipsets, to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Contractual clauses are under finalisation. The first kit is to be supplied by March 2004. Through this contract HAL would be able to enter the international civil aviation market. At present, there is no other such proposal.